മിസ്റ്റർ പറമ്പി ലോനപ്പൻ: പുറത്തേക്ക പോയിരുന്നവർ കള്ളുകടിയന്മാരെപ്പോലെ മടങ്ങി വരുന്നവരായിരുന്നു. കണ്ടപ്പോൾ കുടിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു മനസ്സിലായി. (ചിരി)

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: നെമ്മാറയുടെ ചുറ്റുമുള്ള പ്രദേശങ്ങൾ ഇൻഡസ്ട്രിയൽ പ്രദേശങ്ങളാണു്. അവിടങ്ങളിലേക്കു് എത്താൻ ചുരുങ്ങിയതു് നാല നാഴികയെങ്കിലും നടക്കണമെന്നുള്ളപ്പോൾ പുറത്തേക്കു പോയി കുടിക്കുവാൻ എളുപ്പത്തിൽ എങ്ങിനെ സാദ്ധ്യമാകും?

മിസ്റ്റർ പറമ്പി ലോനപ്പൻ: അതിലും അടുത്ത പ്രദേശങ്ങളുമുണ്ടു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: നെമ്മാറ ഫർക്കയിൽ ഉൾപ്രദേശങ്ങളിലുള്ളവർ എട്ടൊൻപതു നാഴിക നടന്നുപോയി കുടിക്കുമെന്നു പറയുന്നതു ശരിയല്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ പറമ്പി ലോനപ്പൻ: ചിലർക്കു കള്ളുവളരെ രുചികരമായ ഒരു പാനീയമാണു്. അതുകൊണ്ടു് ഇത്രദൂരം നടക്കണമെന്നുള്ളതൊന്നും അവർ വകവെക്കുകയില്ല.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: According to high medical opinion is not toddy excellent for health and should it not be the policy of the Government to encourage drinking *(Laughter)*.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Will the Government be pleased to see that all kinds of restrictions are being placed to discourage the traffic in liquor?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Commissioner of Excise)*: We are trying to discourage drinking in many ways. One is reduction of toddy shops and arrack shops. Then the increasing of gallonage fee on liquor. Before this there was no gallonage fee on foreign liquor. In the case of wines it has been enhanced to 0—6—0 for Beer, 1—2—0 for Wine per gallon and Rs. 2—4—0 for Gin per gallon.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: I suppose the demand for liquor is great now-a-days.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Commissioner of Excise)*: Yes. Even country-liquor cannot be had.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Has not the toddy shop at Nelliampathies been closed on the representation of the planters that it affects the health of the coolies.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Commissioner of Excise)*: A shop was closed and another shop was shifted.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know how the people manage there without drink? Is it not a trouble for them?

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda)*: Was there not a request from the Irinjalakkuda Municipality to shift the toddy shop from the market?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Commissioner of Excise)*: Yes. I think. We will consider the question of shifting.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda)*: Has not the Municipality been unanimous in passing the resolution?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Commissioner of Excise)*: The public demand is that it should be as near as possible. The public do not want to remove it.

Mr. President: The question is whether the Irinjalakkuda Municipality represents the drinking public *(Laughter)*.

PAPER PULP FROM FORESTS

77. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what are the possibilities of getting paper pulp from the State forests;

(*b*) have the possibilities of manufacturing paper in the State been seriously considered by Government?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests)*: The possibility of manufacturing paper in the State was enquired into in detail in 1937 by Mr. M. P. Bhargava, Officer in charge of Paper Pulp Section, Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun. He was of opinion that the quantity of raw materials available in the State would not be sufficient for an economic unit paper Mill. A copy of the report is also placed on the Council Table.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know how much money was spent on this investigation by Barghava.

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests)*: 4 to 5 thousand rupees.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: It is stated that a similar investigation was conducted some 25 years back. Can the Government give an approximate amount spent for that.

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Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* It was during the time of Diwan Sir Albian Banerjee. He got the services of some eminent experts and again during the time of Sir Shanmukham this investigation was conducted. I think a large amount of money was spent.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the quantity of two or three species of soft wood mentioned in the report from which pulp could be made has not immensely increased between the date of this report and to-day.

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* I think since the date of that report *i.e.*, 1937 the quantity has considerably dwindled because the demand for soft wood has increased considerably.

HONOURS COURSE—MAHARAJA'S COLLEGE—STARTING OF

78. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) is there Honours Course in the Maharaja's College in any subject ;

(*b*) cannot Honours Course for Literature be started without much of additional expenditure ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Sir, I would like to correct the second answer by adding "for financial reasons".

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, what will be the approximate financial commitment of opening an honours course in literature ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Unfortunately it is very difficult to give. I think I will have to requisition the services of the Hon'ble Member for Public Works The University Commission which visited this college in response to our request in 1934 made certain conditions as necessary and the fulfilment of which was imperative before afiliation could be granted. They wanted additional accommodation or they wanted some of the other classes to be sent out and accommodation made available. The suggestion then made by some of the members of the staff was that the economics and history classes may be sent and accommodation found for English Literature. Then they wanted a library the initial cost of which will come to Rs. 7,000 and a recurring expenditure of Rs. 500 every year. They wanted rooms for holding honours classes for tutorial work, private study for the members of the English Staff and rooms for the honours library. When the number of women students exceeds 5 or 6 a separate room for their exclusive use should also be provided. The additional staff that they wanted was two more members for the English Staff, one who has undergone honours course in English literature either in Oxford or Cambridge and obtained a first or second class degree and another who has obtained an honours degree in English of an English or an Indian University and who has at least five years experience in English teaching. The recurring expenditure on account of the staff was estimated at about Rs. 500 per mensem. The Government thought that at a time like the present when we have not enough money even for promoting elementary education, it will be very unwise to embark upon this.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether this commission made these suggestions or rather laid down these requisites as a result of the Government having moved to open the honours course ? Is it not so ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Yes. The request was from this Government. The suggestion of the Government was that we should ask for affiliation in the B.Sc. courses in science and also for the honours course in the English language and literature. We got affiliation for the B.Sc. course because we had the necessary equipment. There was no difficulty. But for English Literature additional expenditure was involved and the matter was dropped.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* With reference to that additional accommodation and also exclusive rooms for ladies if the number exceeded 5 or 6 may I know how much will be the cost approximately.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I want notice. The then Principal who was more interested in English suggested to the commissioners that the economic and history sections may be sent elsewhere—he was not concerned where it went. The Commissioners said that affiliation will be granted if these things were done and an additional room

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